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DIVISIONS OF CLEAN ENERGY
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IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED) ORDER MODIFYING
PETITION OF JERSEY CENTRAL POWER) PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
AND LIGHT COMPANY FOR APPROVAL)
OF AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE PROGRAM)
AND AN ASSOCIATED COST RECOVERY)
MECHANISM) DOCKET NO. EO21030630

Parties of Record:

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Kevin Auerbacher, Esq., Tesla, Inc.
Stephen J. Humes, Esq., on behalf of NJR Clean Energy Ventures Corporation
Nathan C. Howe, Esq., on behalf of Zeco Systems, Inc. d/b/a Greenlots

BY COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. GORDON:

BACKGROUND

On March 1, 2021, Jersey Central Power and Light Company ("JCP&L" or "Company") filed with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") a petition ("Petition") seeking approval to invest approximately \$49.924 million (\$16.242 million as capital expenditures and \$33.682 million for operations and maintenance expenses) over a four (4) year period, commencing January 1, 2022, for an electric vehicle ("EV") program ("EV Driven Program"). As proposed in the Petition, the EV Driven Program would consist of five (5) sub-programs applicable to light-duty vehicles and one (1) sub-program related to consumer education and outreach initiatives.¹

According to JCP&L, the proposed EV Driven Program was designed to be responsive to its customers' needs, support the attainment of the State's goals for EV deployment and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, address critical adoption barriers for EV transportation by providing education and outreach, and provide EV infrastructure solutions to reduce range anxiety. JCP&L also proposed a last resort offering, wherein it would install, own and operate

¹ Light-duty, or passenger, vehicles are any two-axle, four-wheel vehicle, primarily designed for passenger travel or light-duty commercial use. N.J.S.A. 48:25-2.

approximately 20 Direct Current Fast Charger (“DCFC”) charging ports at appropriate locations within its service territory. If the Petition is approved as proposed, JCP&L estimates that the revenue requirement for the initial program year would be \$2,852,556. JCP&L proposed to implement a new tariff offering, “Rider EV,” to recover the costs associated with the EV Driven Program. Additionally, in the Petition, JCP&L proposed to implement the Rider EV rate effective January 1, 2022.

On March 24, 2021, the Board retained the Petition for hearing and, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32, designated me as the presiding officer authorized to rule on all motions that arise during the pendency of these proceedings and modify any schedules that may be set as necessary to secure a just and expeditious determination of the issues (the “March 24, 2021 Order”). Further, the March 24, 2021 Order directs that any entities seeking to intervene or participate in this matter file the appropriate application with the Board by April 26, 2021.

On May 26, 2021, I issued a Prehearing Order with Procedural Schedule and Order on Motions to Intervene or Participate (the “Prehearing Order”).² In the Prehearing Order, intervenor status was granted to ChargePoint, Inc.; Tesla, Inc.; NJR Clean Energy Ventures Corporation; and Zeco Systems, Inc. d/b/a Greenlots.

Via correspondence dated July 13, 2021, JCP&L requested that the Procedural Schedule be extended by 30 days (“July 13, 2021 Correspondence”) “to allow sufficient time to explore settlement issues Accordingly, all deadlines and hearing dates would be pushed back by 30 days as compared to the current schedule.” JCP&L represents in the July 13, 2021 correspondence that no party has objected to this modification to the Procedural Schedule.

DISCUSSIONS AND FINDINGS

I reviewed JCP&L’s July 13, 2021 Correspondence and request for a 30-day extension to all deadlines and hearing dates in the Procedural Schedule. To allow for further settlement discussions, and having received no objections from any party, I **HEREBY GRANT** JCP&L’s request to extend the Procedural Schedule by the amount of time requested. The modified Procedural Schedule is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

I **HEREBY DIRECT** that this Order be posted on the Board’s website.

This provisional ruling is subject to ratification or other alteration by the Board as it deems appropriate during the proceedings in this matter.

DATED: July 16, 2021

BY:



ROBERT M. GORDON
COMMISSIONER

² In re the Verified Petition of Jersey Central Power and Light Company for Approval of an Electric Vehicle Program and an Associated Cost Recovery Mechanism, Prehearing Order with Procedural Schedule and Order on Motions to Intervene or Participate, BPU Docket No. EO21030630, Order dated May 26, 2021.

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COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE PROGRAM AND AN
ASSOCIATED COST RECOVERY MECHANISM**

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EXHIBIT A
Procedural Schedule

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Motions Filed by any Parties	March 1, 2021
Discovery requests served+	May 7, 2021
Company responses to discovery due	May 21, 2021
Second Round of Discovery Requests	May 28, 2021
Responses due on Second Round of Discovery Requests	June 11, 2021
Discovery conference	Week of June 14, 2021
Discovery/Settlement Conference	Weeks of June 21, 2021 and June 28, 2021
Intervenor/respondent testimony due	August 23, 2021
Discovery requests on intervenor/respondent testimony	September 7, 2021
Responses to discovery on intervenor/respondent testimony	September 20, 2021
Rebuttal testimony	October 4, 2021
Discovery requests on rebuttal testimony	October 20, 2021
Company responses to discovery on rebuttal testimony	November 3, 2021
Public Hearings	TBD
Settlement conferences	Week of November 1, 2021
Evidentiary hearings (with Oral Surrebuttal/Rejoinder)*	Week of November 15, 2021
Initial and Reply briefs	TBD by Presiding Commissioner after hearings

+Petitioner agrees that discovery is ongoing and will endeavor to answer all discovery within 15 days of service.

*Evidentiary hearing dates subject to Presiding Commissioner's availability. Petitioner requests evidentiary hearings with oral surrebuttal and rejoinder. The Presiding Commissioner will consider this request prior to the evidentiary hearings.